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For: INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND RECORDING METHOD THEREFOR

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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing JP 5-286129 and JP 10-226059, which are foreign language documents.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits English-language Abstracts as well as the following explanations:

1. JP 5-286129 discloses a platen formed with a plurality of protrusions. A top face of each protrusion is made flat. An ink absorbing member is disposed in an ink receiving hole such that a top face thereof is situated in the vicinity of an aperture of the hole facing a recording head. A U-shaped holder serves to prevent the ink absorbing member from the ink receiving hole. The ink receiving hole is provided as a through hole formed in the platen (cf., paragraphs [0030]-[0035]; Figs. 6 and 7).

2. JP 10-226059 discloses a platen formed with a plurality of protrusions. A top face of each protrusion is made flat (cf., paragraphs [0034]-[0039], [0049]-[0051]; Figs. 1-16).

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